

The Sinclair Broadcasting Group, which owns or manages 62 TV stations, is not about objective newsgathering and presentation. Instead, it is about twisting the truth, shameless slandering, bald-faced lying, and fascist propagandizing.

The fat cats at the top, who control this sinister organization, are exploiting their power to influence mass audiences by overtly distorting the facts and suppressing the truth. Their aim, clearly, is to ultimately manipulate public opinion to serve their own back-scratching financial benefit.

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.